



# Elstead Riding Club



## News

**NEXT EVENT - Spring Showing Show & Arena Eventing at the Club Field**  
Monday 2nd April

See info below...



You can enter our next dressage show via My Riding Life:

[Elstead Riding Club Spring Show](#)

Monday 2nd April

ALL classes open to both members and non-members  
Lots of showing classes and Arena Eventing - something for everyone.  
Entries in advance or on the day

More info: [omnibus schedule](#) and/or [on-line events entry](#)

Enquiries: [jenny@elsteadridingclub.co.uk](mailto:jenny@elsteadridingclub.co.uk)

### Helpers Needed for the Spring Show on Monday 2nd April

As with all our events they cannot run without the aid of volunteers. We can let you know how to do any of the roles on the day if you've never done it before. So please do get in touch if you can help at all.

Anyone that can offer help for this event should contact Tish  
Harwood [Tish@elsteadridingclub.co.uk](mailto:Tish@elsteadridingclub.co.uk)

## Forthcoming Dates

All events are for both Members and Non-Members Welcome (unless specified)

All held at the ERC club field unless otherwise stated.

The Omnibus Schedule contains all Open Events held at the ERC Club Field during 2018. Other events such as members only events and Clear Round are not in the schedule but details are always on Facebook and the ERC Website; <http://www.elsteadridingclub.co.uk/fixtures.html>

[Download the Omnibus Schedule Here](#)

#### **Monday 2 April**

Spring Show & Arena Eventing

Enquiries: [jenny@elsteadridingclub.co.uk](mailto:jenny@elsteadridingclub.co.uk)

#### **Sunday 29 April** (*postponed from 4th March*)

Dressage at Priory Equestrian, Frensham

Not in the omnibus but the schedule and entry is online

Enquiries: [jenni@elsteadridingclub.co.uk](mailto:jenni@elsteadridingclub.co.uk)

#### **Monday 7 May**

Fun Show

Enquiries: [tish@elsteadridingclub.co.uk](mailto:tish@elsteadridingclub.co.uk)

#### **Sunday 27 May**

Dressage

Enquiries: [claire@elsteadridingclub.co.uk](mailto:claire@elsteadridingclub.co.uk)

#### **Other Dates for your Diary**

Members only dressage dates (in the evening at the Club Field)

Tuesday 12th June

Tuesday 17th July

Tuesday 21st August

More details for follow soon with tests etc

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## **Training**

**Members Only - unless stated otherwise**

**Brian Hutton - Dressage or Jumping - Contact:** [tish@elsteadridingclub.co.uk](mailto:tish@elsteadridingclub.co.uk)

Saturday 28th April

NEW 2 DAY CLINIC Friday 25 and Saturday 26 May

Brian Hutton, BHSI, is Senior Instructor at Talland Equestrian in Gloucestershire. Brian teaches all levels, across all disciplines and we are very fortunate that he comes to teach at our club on

a regular basis once a month. The next sessions is 28 April, and the cost is £35 individual, or £25 group, flatwork, pole clinic, jumping. Please use the usual monthly booking slip to book on either of these dates ([click here](#))

Brian has also agreed to come and teach a 2 day clinic on Friday 25 and Saturday 26 May. On the Friday, the clinic will run from midday into the evening to accommodate those who need an after school or work time, and during the day on the Saturday. Sessions will be individual or group, depending on requirements and can be flatwork, jumping, pole clinics, ride a test - whatever you want to work on most, or you could have a flatwork on one day, and ride a test, pole work, or jumping the next. It is preferred that you book for both days to gain the maximum from these sessions. The cost for the two days will depend on take up, but it is hoped to be able to offer it at a slightly lower rate than the usual £35 individual half hour, and £25 group lesson. Please use the 2 day clinic booking slip for this clinic ([click here](#)).

### **ERC Members Grassroots Training, with Lesley Hill**

Saturday 12 May Saturday 9 June

Each year we bid for sponsorship from British Riding Clubs Area 11 Committee to enable us to run subsidised training for our members. We have been successful in gaining sponsorship, and therefore will again run two Grassroots Training Days. These will take place on Saturday 12 May, (flatwork, pole clinic, ride a test or showing technique day) and Saturday 9 June (jumping, flatwork, pole clinic, ride a test, or showing technique) with Lesley Hill. Lesley is an experienced and well known local instructor, across all disciplines, with many years' experience teaching at all levels riding club, pony club, eventing, and showing. Sessions will be either individual half hour or group hour for 3 riders, 40 mins for 2 riders. You may request one day or both days, but if demand exceeds the time available you will be allocated one day in order to ensure as many of our members as possible are able to access this training. Please indicate on your booking form your preferred date if only one allocated. The cost of this training is an amazing £10 for a group lesson, or £15 for an individual lesson. Please use this booking form to book ([click here](#))

All these sessions book up quickly, so early booking is advisable to guarantee a place. Please email a copy of your booking form to [tish@elsteadridingclub.co.uk](mailto:tish@elsteadridingclub.co.uk) or send by post to Tish Harwood, Gunners Cottage, Thursley Road, Elstead, Surrey GU86ED. Payment by BACS, cheque or cash.

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BRC Grass Roots Dressage Training with Donald Kear

**22nd April at Sands Farm (or 9th June at Merrist Wood Arena with Fred Hodges - Area 6)**

This training is being organised by British Riding Clubs and is open to those who are members of a riding club in our Area and is aimed at those who: - have ridden a few dressage tests and want to focus on test riding and accuracy (level 1 - must not have competed in a qualifier for a national BRC competition or a BD event); or - competing at prelim level and want to progress to novice (level 2 - must not have competed at a BRC national championship or at BD novice or BE100 or higher) Cost is £25 per session.

More information can be found [here](#)

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### ERC clothing

We have a few items of club clothing available for you to buy -

Polo shirts medium only @ £20

Rugby shirts in large and extra large @ £27.50.

Club jacket (1 remaining), lightweight 'rider' style jacket with single zip size medium 40" although they do come up large - only £20.

Please contact Marion on 01252 703560 if you would like to try or buy any of the above.

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## Teams & Qualifiers (including Individuals)

### 2018 TEAMS (AND INDIVIDUAL) COMPETITIONS:

Taking part in a team is great fun and we are always pleased to hear from members who want to take part in team events. There are show jumping team competitions coming up on 13th May (Elstead RC field) and 16th June (Bookham RC field) as well as horse trials at Coombelands on 2nd June. These are open to both seniors and juniors and there are a range of different competitions/heights at each. If interested in taking part in any of these three team competitions but have not already put your name forward, please contact [penny@elsteadridingclub.co.uk](mailto:penny@elsteadridingclub.co.uk) by **16th April at the latest**.

### Dressage to Music

Qualifiers for both National and London & South East DTM (at all levels from intro to medium) will take place on 15th July at Plumpton College. These are mainly individual classes but there is two pairs classes (one in costume, the other 'plain clothes'). The National DTM championship will take place on the weekend of 28th - 30th September at Bury Farm in Buckinghamshire. The L&SE DTM championship will take place on 21st October at Sands Farm.

The schedule for this qualifier will be available on the Area 11 website [www.brcarea11.org.uk](http://www.brcarea11.org.uk) in due course.

More information about the National DTM competitions can be found [here](#)  
If you have any question or want to know more about DTM then  
contact [Jenni@elsteadridingclub.co.uk](mailto:Jenni@elsteadridingclub.co.uk)

## Anyone doing any qualifiers in 2018 PLEASE READ:

### Equine Flu Vaccinations

Important note re equine flu vaccinations for those doing any qualifier: The horse must have a correct vaccination record. In order to compete, the horse must have had two primary vaccinations with the second of those being given between 21 and 92 days after the first vaccination. The horse must then have a booster given between 150 and 215 days after that second vaccination. Thereafter vaccinations should be given annually and must be on or before the anniversary of the last booster. If you want to take part in a team event/qualifier, please email a copy of your horse's passport showing name and passport number plus all equine flu vaccinations.

### New Body Protector Rules for 2018

From 1st January 2018, British Riding Clubs (and British Eventing) will only accept body protectors with BETA 2009 purple labels – more info at <http://www.elsteadridingclub.co.uk/Schedules/2018%20BRC%20BP%20STANDARDS.PDF>

### Riding Hat Standards & Tagging for 2018

For any riding club qualifier or other team competition, you now need a new 'aqua' coloured hat tag. Good news - British Riding Clubs, British Eventing and The Pony Club have all agreed to use the same colour of hat tag. From now on you just need the one aqua coloured tag on your hat and it will be accepted by each of these organisations (so no need for multiple multi-coloured hat tags!). For more info on the 2018 hat standards for BRC/BE/PC: <http://www.elsteadridingclub.co.uk/Schedules/2018%20BRC%20Hat%20Tagging%20Guide%20for%20Competitors%20v1.pdf>

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## Field Hire

**To book the club field for schooling** send text to Tish Harwood on 07884 495940 or e-mail [tish@elsteadridingclub.co.uk](mailto:tish@elsteadridingclub.co.uk) stating your name, phone number and the date and time you want the field.

Cost is £5 per rider.

*Please return the key to Tish on the same day (unless otherwise agreed in advance) so that another member can use the field after you.*

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## Previous Shows and Socials

Sadly "The Beast from the East" with its difficult weather conditions has impacted us for two shows this year. With this bad luck we have had to cancel two events, which is very rare, but the good news that dressage at Priory will take place on 29th April and entries are open.

The snow in early March also affected the intermediate winter SJ qualifier which will now take place on 25th March.

Sadly the SJ planned for the 18th March had to be cancelled as will not be resembled at present.

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## Horse Riders - Have you ridden this stretch of track South of Farley Green GU5 9ET?

We are asking horse riders to help us claim this short section of track that has been used by horse riders and pedestrians for years, but is currently not shown on the Surrey County Council Definitive Map and Statement. We need to prove that it has been used regularly and uninterruptedly for at least the past 20 years so that it can be added to the Definitive Map for Surrey and not lost to riders, walkers and cyclists. This stretch is critical to riders in linking the bridleway network at Blackheath/Farley Heath in the west with Winterfold to the east. Ride past Mayor House Farm and cross Ride Lane on to this stretch of track towards Row Lane.

This initiative is supported and advised by British Horse Society Bridleway officers, the SCC Riders' Group and the Surrey Hills Equestrian Group.

If you want to know more then you can contact [Maggie.scott@me.com](mailto:Maggie.scott@me.com)